

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSE
TO DAVID B. POPKIN INTERROGATORIES
(DBP/USPS-45—49)
(June 21, 2012)**

The United States Postal Service files its responses to the above-listed interrogatories of David B. Popkin, dated March 14, 2012. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-45 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-37 subpart [b]. Please confirm or explain that ZIP Code pairs that presently have overnight service standards for SINGLE PIECE First-Class Mail will convert to either 2-day or 3-day service standards.

RESPONSE

Confirmed. In the fully implemented network, single piece First-Class Mail will have a service standard in the contiguous 48 states of 2 or 3 days.

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DBP/USPS-46 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-37 subparts [g] and [h]. Please confirm that the current plans are to keep the current service standards for Priority Mail and Express Mail that presently exist. If you are unable to confirm, please explain what the service standards will be for Priority Mail and Express Mail after the change in First-Class Mail single piece.

RESPONSE

See the response to APWU/USPS-19.

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DBP/USPS-47 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-38 subpart [a]. Your response did not refer to the ability to obtain the lower SCF destination rate for Presorted Standard Mail [or any other class that has an SCF destination rate]. Will a mailer be required to bring the mail to the DVD P&DC to obtain the lower rate?

RESPONSE

In the interim, mailers that continue to drop mail as they do today will receive eligibility for the same dropshipment rates.

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DBP/USPS-48 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-39.

[a] Please confirm or explain that the extent of the public notice will improve if a notice is posted in the various associated offices of an affected plant.

[b] Is there any reason why the Postal Service believes that it is inappropriate to provide such notification?

RESPONSE

[a-b] The Postal Service has expressed no belief regarding the appropriateness of such notice. Unless the Postal Service can be directed to a postal document purporting to reflect the statement of such a belief, it cannot respond to the question in part (b). In the context of the Area Mail Processing review, the Postal Service undertakes significant notification procedures aimed at informing the general public regarding potential changes. For example, the Postal Service issues information releases to stakeholders through multiple channels, including the local print and electronic broadcast news media, which have a greater geographic reach and penetration of households than a posting in the lobby of a postal retail unit. It is important to note that mail processing consolidations do not impact retail or delivery operations. Posting these notices in a retail or delivery unit might lead customers to believe that these operations will be affected by a consolidation. Similarly, retail and delivery initiative information is not regularly posted at mail processing facilities or Bulk Mail Entry Units.

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DBP/USPS-49 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-44. Please advise the specific points that have been discussed and the status of these points that have been considered by those employees of the Postal Service that are either responsible for changes to POM Part 3 or are working on the current Docket and discussing items that are related to the material covered in POM Part 3.

RESPONSE

No changes related to the proposal in this docket are planned at this time, but updates might be made to the Postal Operations Manual for other reasons. Collection times will not change as a result of the changes proposed in this docket.